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7. Professor Ehrmann pointed out that a paucity of information from the DDP characterized the various overall Agency histories written in the past. He emphasized the importance of the overall DDP histories which should reflect broad insights and judgments on the entire scene of CS affairs. It was essential that these gaps be filled. Mr. [REDACTED] opined that those who could write the sort of history being called for could not be spared for the job and that perhaps it was better to leave such history unwritten rather than write it in a vastly misleading form.

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8. Mr. Cunningham specified initial and immediate tasks for the overall CS Program: (a) make an exhaustive search for and assemble all [REDACTED] correspondence; (b) locate and collect documents relating to the three periods of DDP history.

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9. Mr. [REDACTED] cited the lack of knowledge revealed by two writers who recently interviewed him concerning the early history of [REDACTED] Stations. He questioned their ability to prepare useful or suitable histories.

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10. It was suggested that Mr. [REDACTED] assist in identifying capable researchers and writers and in making them available for the historical program.

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Mr. [REDACTED] will consult [REDACTED] 25X1A9a who, while serving with personnel boards, may be able to steer us to qualified personnel.

11. There was a discussion as to the advantages of structural versus personal historical accounts. Mr. [REDACTED] felt the structural approach to be generally dry and uninteresting. Personal accounts, while sometimes overlapping and contradictory, could often be more interesting and revealing.

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